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RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's action dated March 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

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Please add the following new claims.

21. The portable media device of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to control wireless transmission and rendering of a particular digital content based upon a comparison of a user identifier embedded in meta-data associated with the particular digital content with a user identifier stored in the memory.

22. The portable media device of claim 21, wherein the controller is configured to allow playback of the particular digital content subject to at least one playback restriction in response to a determination that the user identifier embedded in meta-data associated with the particular digital content fails to match any user identifier stored in the memory.

23. The portable media device of claim 22, wherein the at least one playback restriction corresponds to a threshold number of playback times after which only a sample of the particular digital content is renderable by the portable media device until after the

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